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221 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

October 29, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to Discontinue Centrex Service in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers. Centrex Service is found CBT's Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 8. Effective March 1, 2015, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBT will no longer offer Centrex Service in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers. Current customers have been notified of the changes as of October 17, 2014.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at mike.bishop@cinbell.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Crotty
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State
Governor of Each Impacted State
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Rodney McDonald, Esq.

Before the
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In the Matter of)	
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Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati)	
Bell Telephone Company LLC for)	WC Docket No.
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)	
Communications Act of 1934 to)	Comp. Pol. No.
Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC ("CBT") hereby submits this Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("the Commission") rules to withdraw Centrex Service in CBT's Fairfield, Ohio and Bethel, Ohio wire centers. Centrex Service is found in CBT's Ohio Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services, Section 8.

As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, CBT provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
221 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the Centrex

Service contained in CBT's Ohio Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 8 will no longer be offered in the Fairfield, Ohio and Bethel, Ohio wire centers effective March 1, 2015.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Centrex Service found in CBT's Ohio Non-Residence Service Agreement Local Telephone Services Section 8 will no longer be offered in the Fairfield, Ohio and Bethel, Ohio wire centers within CBT's service area.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

Centrex is an arrangement of switching equipment and facilities owned and maintained by the Company, which provides customers with complex communications service. Centrex service lines consist of the facilities from the central office to the customer premises and central office switching equipment used to provide intercommunication service.

There are currently 15 customers for CBT's Centrex Service in the Fairfield, Ohio and Bethel, Ohio wire centers. Centrex Service has declined as customers move to faster Ethernet-based services. Because of the few number of customers, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed service discontinuance.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to all Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

CBT notified customers of the discontinuance of Centrex Service in the Fairfield, Ohio and Bethel, Ohio Central Offices by letter sent via U.S. mail on October 17, 2014.

Copies of the customer notification letters are appended hereto as Attachment A. The letters inform affected customers that, with the required Commission approval, CBT plans to discontinue Centrex Service as of March 1, 2015.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U. S. Mail to the Governor of Ohio, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(4)):

CBT is considered dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

CBT Respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Patrick M. Crotty
Patrick M. Crotty
Corporate Counsel
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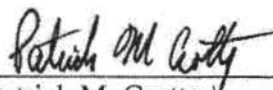
October 29, 2014

I, Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 29th day of October, 2014, caused a copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service" to be served by U.S. mail upon the following:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable John R. Kasich
Governor's Office
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301



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Customer Name
Street Address
City, State Zip

Re: Withdrawal of Centrex Services

Dear Cincinnati Bell Business Customer:

For more than 140 years, Cincinnati Bell has been delivering high performance, reliable business communications services. In order to continue building on our rich heritage of innovation and deliver services that customers are demanding, we are accelerating our investment in the network. We are proud to say that no other service provider in the region is investing in their network like Cincinnati Bell.

The majority of our network investment is focused on expanding the reach of our fiber optic network, so that we can meet the need for high speed Internet and other services that traditional copper lines cannot support. At the same time, we are also removing equipment from the network that no longer meets our standards for reliability and performance.

Your company is currently purchasing Centrex Services, providing dial tone and certain voice features from Cincinnati Bell. This product has reached the end of its useful life. Please consider this letter to be Cincinnati Bell's formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC ("CBT") plans to withdraw the Centrex Service within the Bethel and Fairfield wire centers on or after March 1, 2015.

If you also subscribe to other services from CBT, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated withdrawal of the Centrex Service.

We understand that making changes that impact the services you purchase from Cincinnati Bell is an inconvenience. To ensure a smooth transition to an alternative product that will provide you with a better experience that is based on current technology, your Cincinnati Bell Account Manager will be contacting you shortly to schedule a meeting to review your communications requirements.

Cincinnati Bell is dedicated to providing the finest business communications services and customer care available, and we look forward to working with you to meet your needs. If you wish to contact me, please do so at the email provided below.

Sincerely,



Michael Herrmann
Vice President, Product Management
Michael.herrmann@cbts.net

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Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications Commission to provide the following statement:

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address comments to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of **Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Ohio customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.puco.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service.)